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**DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98]** ( Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**PART 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS [18000 - 18999.98]** ( Part 6 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**CHAPTER 11. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention [18950 - 18973]** ( Chapter 11 added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1334. )

**ARTICLE 3. Office of Child Abuse Prevention [18952 - 18958]** ( Article 3 added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1334. )

**18952.** There is hereby established in the State Department of Social Services an Office of Child Abuse Prevention which shall be administered by a chief who is subject to civil service rules and regulations and has recognized training and experience in child abuse prevention.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 1149, Sec. 3.)

**18953.** The office shall employ such personnel as is necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, subject to civil service rules and regulations.

(Added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1334.)

**18953.5.** The Office of Child Abuse Prevention may fund the various programs established pursuant to this chapter, Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 18975), and Chapter 12.5 (commencing with Section 18980) by means of grants rather than contracts. The grants shall not be subject to the review specified in Section 10295 of the Public Contract Code.

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 756, Sec. 3.)

**18953.7.** The Office of Child Abuse Prevention may renew grants not to exceed three years in duration on condition that the grant is reviewed annually and the grantee is found to be satisfactorily meeting the grant objectives.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1638, Sec. 2. Effective September 30, 1984.)

**18955.** In the exercise of its authority under Section 18954 the office shall develop plans to fulfill the requirements of any federal act providing for the establishment and maintenance of pilot projects for the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse to facilitate the receipt and allocation of federal funds for planning, research, demonstration and special project grants. The office shall submit its recommendations concerning applications for federal funds to the California Health and Human Services Agency to be forwarded to the appropriate federal agency.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 227, Sec. 97. (AB 1400) Effective January 1, 2012.)

**18955.1.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Child Abuse Prevention shall make every attempt to qualify projects implemented pursuant to this chapter for federal funding. To that extent, should any provisions of this chapter prevent federal funding for projects implemented pursuant to this chapter, those provisions of this chapter shall be rendered inoperative.

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 756, Sec. 5. Note: This section prescribes conditions for inoperation of described provisions in Chapter 11, commencing with Section 18950.)

**18958.** The Office of Child Abuse Prevention shall apply for federal funding for the administration of its functions under this chapter. The office shall use these funds to do all of the following:

(a) Provide technical assistance, either directly or through grant or contract pursuant to Section 16304 of the Government Code, to public and private agencies and organizations to assist them in planning, improving, developing, and carrying out programs and activities relating to the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

(b) Compile training materials for personnel who are engaged or intend to engage in the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

(c) Assist and provide funds for the coordination of child abuse prevention programs.

(d) Develop and establish other innovation programs in child abuse prevention where the office finds a need for the programs.

(e) Conduct research and collect data relevant to the determination of the effectiveness of child abuse prevention programs.

(f) Support coordination and sharing of best practices implemented by family resource centers with other agencies, when the best practices reflect strategies and outcomes that were achieved and supported by evidence-informed programs and data.

*(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 476, Sec. 3. (SB 436) Effective January 1, 2020.)*